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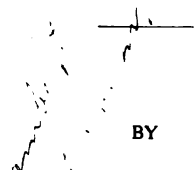
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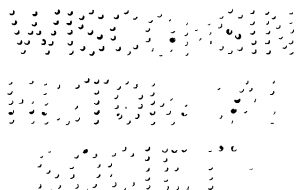
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## Preface

All my life I have felt much interest in the history of our family, and from childhood have collected and preserved almost every scrap of Neighbour history or biography I found. Finally it occurred to me to put into some orderly arrangement the information I had collected. But the attempt to do this soon showed me how much I lacked of having a complete record; and so for years I opened correspondence with any relative or friend who I thought could help me, and, in many cases, with strangers of the Neighbour name, of whom I chanced to learn.

Mr. James H. Neighbour, of Dover, N. J., gave me much valued and well arranged data regarding the early family history, and Chambers' "Early Germans of New Jersey" furnished most that I am able to give in regard to our people who now live in New Jersey.

When I had gathered together the records which were to be copied from old family bibles, and the personal recollections of many of the more elderly, and had it all in orderly arrangement, I felt that the matter really ought to be published, and in the hands of a number who would be interested in its preservation. No one else possessed the information, and with every passing year it would become more difficult for any one to secure. Many with whom I had corresponded were passing away. In addition to this, so long as there was only the manuscript copy, there was danger, at any time, of entire loss through fire, or any one of many mishaps.

Another reason for publishing—I want our kinsmen to know one another, and to feel the bond of relationship. I want our young to realize how good a name they have inherited, and thus to feel stimulated to keeping it a good name. As time passes,

may many of them, by noble living and worthy achievement, cause it to be honored and respected more and more!

It may be proper to explain at this point that since this is a genealogy of the NEIGHBOUR family, it can not, for that reason, carry down very far the descent from the daughters of the name. While their actual relationship is, of course, as close, they by marriage identify themselves and their children with families that bear other names, and whose genealogies are to be sought elsewhere.

THE AUTHOR.

### Explanation of System of Numbering

1<sup>1</sup> Leonard Neighbour (I)—Leonhard Nachbar.

4<sup>2</sup> Leonard Neighbour (II).

5<sup>3</sup> David Neighbour.

8<sup>4</sup> Lambert Bowman Neighbour. (I).

8<sup>5</sup> Lambert Bowman Neighbour (II).

It will be well for the reader, before he attempts the following pages, to note what the numbering to the names signifies. When this is once clearly understood, there can be no confusion of individuals, though, as often happens, the same name appears again and again, in different branches of the family.

To explain, then : Each number before a name is seen to consist of two parts, a co-efficient and its exponent. The former shows the person's number, in order, among his father's children; the latter, the generation to which he belongs.

Above is printed enough of the genealogy to indicate the writer's own line of descent from the first of the name in this country. In this, the 8<sup>5</sup> shows that I am of the 5th generation, and my father's 8th child. The 8<sup>4</sup>, that my father was of the 4th generation, and his father's 8th child. The 5<sup>3</sup>, that my grandfather was of the 3d generation, and his father's 5th child. The 4<sup>2</sup>, that my great grandfather was of the 2nd generation, and his father's 4th child. The 1<sup>1</sup>, that my great-great grandfather was of the 1st generation, and if not the first of his family, was at least the one person of that generation with whom we have to deal.

It is an easy matter to gather in like manner from the following pages, for any one named in them, the precise line of his descent from the original Leonard.





MAP OF LOGAN TRACT



**Descendants**  
**OF**  
**Leonard Neighbour**  
**Emigrant**  
**Germany to America**  
**1738**

1<sup>1</sup> **LEONHARD NACHBAR**, founder of our Neighbour family in America, was born in Germany, in May, 1698; arrived at Philadelphia on the ship "Robert and Oliver," Sept. 11, 1738; and died at German Valley, N. J., Aug. 26, 1766, aged 68 yrs. 3 mos. His wife, Maria Margareta, was born in the same year as he, and died Nov. 17, 1770, aged 73 yrs. 3 mos. Some time in the next five years after landing, they settled on a farm of 310 acres, a division of the "Logan tract," in the valley of the Raritan. Matthias Trimmer, a son-in-law, bought a farm lying adjacent on the south, and Philip Welsch, another son-in-law, a division of the said tract stretching across the valley, along the northern boundary of the "homestead." These three purchasers secured title to there farms about 1750. In Chambers' "Early Germans of New Jersey," Leonhard Nachbar is termed the "Father of the Valley." In the earliest used, now almost deserted, corner of the burial ground surrounding the "Old Stone Church" of German Valley, side by side stand the headstones of this brave-hearted old couple, well preserved, and almost the only monuments to be seen there. Between the old people lies buried a little daughter of their son, the child having died 16 days before its grandfather. The will of Leonhard Nachbar, dated Jan. 10, 1765, mentions wife and four children, the latter as follows :

1<sup>2</sup> Mary Elizabeth, m. John William Welsch, already mentioned.

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2<sup>2</sup> Anna Martha, m. Matthias Trimmer, already mentioned.

3<sup>2</sup> Anna Margaret, m. Heinrich Schenckle.

4<sup>2</sup> **Leonard Neighbour** (II) (1741-1806), m. Louisa Elizabeth -- (1744-1807). Their headstones stand side by side in the same burial ground with those of the older couple, and indicate the texts of their funeral sermons: his, Ps. 23:4; hers, Cor. 15:55. This generation was American-born, and Americanized the name, spelling and pronouncing it **Neighbour**. To this Leonard had descended the "homestead" of his father; and, desiring it to remain in the family name, he provided by will that after his death it should be sold to that one of his sons who should be willing to pay the most for it. This, it so happened, was his second son, Leonard (III). We see already that "Leonard" is a highly favored name in the family, and that there is an evident desire to keep the original homestead in the family name. Leonard (II) left children:

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1<sup>3</sup> NICHOLAS, "the Judge" (1762-1848); b. at German Valley; served his country in the Revolutionary War; was a Whig in politics: voted for Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Harrison and Clay; represented the county of Morris in the N. J. legislature (1805); visited Ohio in 1814, purchasing a tract of several hundred acres in the Tuscarawas valley, the present site and vicinity of Newcomerstown; led a colony of N. J. people overland in moving-wagons to this tract in 1815; in 1827, upon the construction of the "Ohio Canal" through this valley, laid out Newcomerstown; for 14 years was Associate Judge of Tuscarawas county; was for nearly 70 years a member of the Lutheran church; was a merchant, and a most exemplary and highly esteemed citizen. In Richardson's history of Tuscarawas County, he is spoken of as "the good old Nicholas Neighbour." His first wife, Catharine Sharp (1766-1813), lived and died in N. J. His second wife, Hannah Uhrich (1773-1856), he met and married in Ohio. All his children were by his first wife:

1<sup>4</sup> LEONARD (1785-1816); m. Margaret Wise, who, after his death, married his cousin John, eldest son of

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David Neighbour. With her second husband she lived in N. C. town untill his death, when she moved to Iowa. Leonard's children were :

1<sup>5</sup> George, b. 1808, d. unmarried.

2<sup>5</sup> Philip, b. 1811; m. Mary Moore. Lived in Iowa.

1<sup>6</sup> Dixon, dead.

2<sup>6</sup> Hiram, m. Harriet Burris ; lives in Linn Co. Iowa.

3<sup>6</sup> Marilda, dead.

4<sup>6</sup> George ; lives at Pullman, Washington.

5<sup>6</sup> Leonard, dead.

6<sup>6</sup> Willard ; lives in Linn Co., Iowa.

7<sup>6</sup> Philip ; lives in Linn Co., Iowa.

8<sup>6</sup> Albert ; lives in Pullman, Wash.

9<sup>6</sup> Mary Araminta (1863-1897); m. G. Mounce ; five children.

3<sup>5</sup> Julila, b. 1814, m. Hollenbeck, Centre Point, Ia.

2<sup>4</sup> Elizabeth (1787-1829), m. Andrew Crater, of N. C. town. Her children were :

1<sup>5</sup> Clark, unmarried, lived and died at N. C. town.

2<sup>5</sup> Catharine, m. Burt.

3<sup>5</sup> Ann, unmarried, lived and died at N. C. town.

4<sup>5</sup> Elizabeth, unmarried, lived and died at N. C. town.

5<sup>5</sup> A. J., married and lives in N. C. town.

3<sup>4</sup> Mary (1790-1888); m. John Welsch, New Philadelphia. Their children :

1<sup>5</sup> David Welsch.

1<sup>6</sup> Euphemia. 2<sup>6</sup> Elvira. 3<sup>6</sup> Mary. 4<sup>6</sup> Alice.

2<sup>5</sup> Mary, d. 1888. Married Levi Sargent. Their children :

1<sup>6</sup> Captain John Sargent, living in Chicago.

2<sup>6</sup> Witt.

3<sup>6</sup> T. F. Sargent, in Pension Department, Washington, D. C.

4<sup>6</sup> Zachary, Columbus, O.

3<sup>5</sup> Eliza, m. David Judy.

1<sup>6</sup> Mary, married and lives in Chicago.


2<sup>6</sup> Charles.

3<sup>6</sup> Emily, m. W. Hilton, lives in Uhrichsville, O.

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- 4<sup>6</sup> Cara, m. Scott Custer, of New Philadelphia, Ohio.
- 5<sup>6</sup> John W.
- 6<sup>6</sup> Eva, m. McGregor, a lawyer of New Phila.
- 4<sup>5</sup> Leonard Welsch, m. Catharine Sharp, d. in New Philadelphia.
- 1<sup>6</sup> Mary, unmarried, New Phila.
- 2<sup>6</sup> Ellen, m. John Emerson, New Phila.
- 3<sup>6</sup> Annie, m. John Fowler
- 5<sup>5</sup> Caroline, m. Thos. Dixon, New Phila.
- 1<sup>6</sup> Helen, m. Dr. Chas. Gentsch, Cleveland, O.
- 2<sup>6</sup> Jennie, unmarried.
- 3<sup>6</sup> Carrie, m. Krider, Canal Dover, O.
- 4<sup>6</sup> Maggie, unmarried, Cleveland, O.
- 4<sup>4</sup> JOHN NEIGHBOUR (1793-1793).
- 5<sup>4</sup> Catharine (1794-1896), m. Roberts.
- 1<sup>5</sup> Robert Rickford Roberts, lived in Elk Falls, Kansas.
- 2<sup>5</sup> Byron Roberts (b. Aug. 23, 1832), m. Gertrude Dent in 1858; both born in Tucarawas county; moved to Topeka, Kansas, in 1871; long connected with Bank of Topeka; served his county as Treasurer; now (1906) President and Treasurer Aetna Loan Association. Children:
- 1<sup>6</sup> Louis Dent Roberts, b. Newcomerstown, O., Oct. 27, 1859. Now Chief Joint Inspector of Pueblo, Colo., railways.
- 2<sup>6</sup> Carrie Amanda, b. N. C. town, Nov. 17, 1860; m. J. R. Hankla, proprietor Hotel Broadway, Los Angeles, Cal.
- 3<sup>6</sup> George Seaton, b. N. C. town, 1866; d. Topeka, 1899. Unmarried.
- 4<sup>6</sup> Gertrude Maria, b. Topeka, 1872. Lives at Salt Lake, Utah; m. Geo. Rust, Gen. Mgr. R. G. Dun & Co. Mer. Agency.
- 5<sup>6</sup> Mary Byron, b. Topeka, 1874; m. Clifford Histed, attorney, Kansas City, Mo.
- 3<sup>5</sup> Lewis Roberts, d. unmarried, in N. C. town in 1856.
- 6<sup>4</sup> MORRIS NEIGHBOUR (1797-1815).

Signatures of the heirs to the  
estate of Leonard Neighbour (II.)  
to the deed given  
Leonard Neighbour (III.), before  
the migration to Ohio  
in 1814.

Sambert Neuman — 

Nicholas Neighbour  
Catherine <sup>her</sup> Neighbour  
mark  
David Neighbour  
Elizabeth <sup>her</sup> Neighbour  
mark

Sophia Beaman  
Elizabeth Swackhammer  
William Neighbour  
Catherine <sup>her</sup> Neighbour  
mark



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7<sup>4</sup> Ann (1800-1863), m Jacob J Miller, who kept the tavern in N. C. town. Their children :

1<sup>5</sup> Jesse, d. in N. C. town, single.

2<sup>5</sup> Amanda, d. in N. C. town, young.

3<sup>5</sup> Catharine, m., first, the Rev. E. C. Young ; he and their children are dead : m., second, Hon. L. C. Davis. Children by last marriage :

1<sup>6</sup> Florence A. Davis, m. R. Y. Patterson, in 1869, who was in the employ of the Nat'l Gov't for many years as Supt. of Nat. cemeteries. Was last stationed at Mobile, Ala. Is now dead. Their children:

1<sup>7</sup> Helen M., m. the Rev. S. L. Irvine, Greenville, Del.

2<sup>7</sup> Don R., clerk in office of M. K. & T. R. R., Dallas, Texas

3<sup>7</sup> Byron B., law student, Columbus, O.

4<sup>7</sup> Robert Y., Jr.

5<sup>7</sup> Mary M.

6<sup>7</sup> Hazel F.

2<sup>6</sup> Lorenzo M., m. -- Leget, d. in Colorado Springs, Col.

3<sup>6</sup> Byron, m. -- Burt, New Comerstown.

4<sup>6</sup> Lily, unmarried, N. C. town

8<sup>4</sup> NICHOLAS NEIGHBOUR (II), (1802-1868), b. in New Jersey ; m. Susan Haga, in Ohio ; lived at Ottumwa, Ia., and died at Princeton, Ill.

1<sup>5</sup> Elvira, d. unmarried, 1855.

2<sup>5</sup> Katie, d. young.

3<sup>5</sup> Jay W. (1833-1890), m. Marie Elizabeth Crouchen. Served as lieutenant in war of rebellion. Edited various periodicals, among them "The Home Mail," being the first editor, as the writer understands, to devote a department to "The Old Soldier." A man of high ideals and noble life, it seems literally true of Jay W. Neighbour, that

None knew him but to love him,

None name him but to praise:

When Mr. Neighbour entered the service, he

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declined a commission, so that no one could say of him that he had enlisted for other than patriotic purposes. But later in the war, when he could feel he had earned the honor, he accepted a commission as 2nd Lieut. In the ordeal of the forced march, under General Butler, February, 1864, from Williamsburg, Va., to Richmond and back, his health was irrecoverably broken. But with his regiment, the 148th N.Y., he was in to the last, nevertheless. Their regiment was in the front of the corps that faced the Confederate headquarters, and saw clearly all the final movements of General Lee and his staff before the surrender.

- 1<sup>6</sup> William H. C. Neighbour, lives in Denver, Colo., where he is foreman in composing room of the "Denver Republican." Is married and has one daughter, b. Aug. 15, 1890.
- 2<sup>6</sup> Mrs. G. W. Randolph, lives at Palmyra, N.Y.
- 3<sup>6</sup> Lillian Maud, unmarried, New York City.
- 4<sup>6</sup> Emma Louise, m. C. A. Waters, Leavenworth, Kas.
- 4<sup>5</sup> Ellen S., m. Geo. W. Sowers; lives at Butte, Mont.
  - 1<sup>6</sup> Rena May.
  - 2<sup>6</sup> Emma.
  - 3<sup>6</sup> Alice, m. Davis, lives in Thomasville, Ga.
  - 4<sup>6</sup> Grace.
  - 5<sup>6</sup> Georgia Willa.
  - 6<sup>6</sup> Marjory.
- 5<sup>5</sup> Rhenius W., d. in camp at Keokuk, Ia., 1862.
- 6<sup>5</sup> Emily A., m. G. W. Farlin; lives in Seattle, Wash.
  - 1<sup>6</sup> George W. 2<sup>6</sup> Irene. 3<sup>6</sup> Grace.
- 7<sup>5</sup> Alonzo W., killed at battle of Pittsburg Landing, 1862.
- 9 JESSE NEIGHBOUR (1806-1845), m. Elizabeth Haga. Died at N. C. town. Their children:
  - 1<sup>5</sup> Morris Neighbour (1832-1862), m. Edith Hig-



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ginson, Ash Grove, Ill. In the Rebellion he fought in the 25th Ill. vol., and fell at Pea Ridge, Ark. Their children :

1<sup>st</sup> Jesse (1857-1858).

2<sup>nd</sup> Theo. (a daughter), (1859-1860).

3<sup>rd</sup> Morris Melancthon Oceander, b. 1861, m. Nancy E. Johnston. Their children :

1<sup>st</sup> Morris Poyner, b. 1883.

2<sup>nd</sup> Jesse Batchelor Logan, b. 1885.

3<sup>rd</sup> William Henry, b. 1887.

2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Catharine, b. 1835, m. Porter Larimore, 1853, and lives at Benkelman, Neb. Their children :

1<sup>st</sup> John Porter, b. 1855, m. Emma C. Shaffer, Benkelman, Neb.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Melissa, b. 1858, m. J. H. Brissender Benkelman, Neb.

3<sup>rd</sup> Luther Melancthon, b. 1860.

4<sup>th</sup> Ida May, b. 1865, m. Wm. Allender.

5<sup>th</sup> Jessie Annette, b. Jan. 20, 1872; m. Levi H. Nicholson.

6<sup>th</sup> Josie Elizabeth, b. Jan. 20, 1872.

7<sup>th</sup> Cora Ella, b. 1874.

3<sup>rd</sup> Elihu Godfrey Neighbour, b. Feb. 18, 1839; m. Sarah J. Vandever. Served in the Rebellion in the 10th Regt. Pa. Reserve Infantry. After war moved to Wayne county, Ill. In 1867, moved to Benkelman, Neb., where he conducted a Nursery business. Their children :

1<sup>st</sup> Etta Viola, b. 1869; m. John W. Miller, Benkelman.

1<sup>st</sup> Elizabeth Ada, b. 1897.

2<sup>nd</sup> Edward Ray, b. 1872; m. Luella K. Dailey.

3<sup>rd</sup> James Albert, b. 1875.

4<sup>th</sup> Jesse Victor, b. 1879.

5<sup>th</sup> Charles Paul, b. 1881.

4<sup>th</sup> Melancthon Oceander Neighbour (1841-1879); m. Sallie Smoots, of Utica, O. He died at Hol-

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den, Mo. Family returned to Mt. Vernon, O.  
Their children :

1<sup>st</sup> Charles Neighbour.

2<sup>nd</sup> Frank Neighbour.

10<sup>4</sup> Celinda, b. 1808; m., first, A. Seton, who died 1840 ; second, Dr. Powelson, of New Phila., O. Of her three children, two are by first husband, one by the second :

1<sup>st</sup> Mary Seton, m. John Judy, of New Phila.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lucy Seton, m. Alonzo Vansil, lives in Ill.

3<sup>rd</sup> Elizabeth Powelson m. Dr. D. C. Gentsch, and lives at Spring Grove, Neb

11<sup>4</sup> MATTHIAS SHARPE NEIGHBOUR (1813 - 1896); m. Margaret A. Miller, lived in New Phila. Was first a merchant at N. C. town; was twice elected County Recorder, and so moved to county seat, where he afterward made his home. Children :

1<sup>st</sup> Ernest H., d. 1863.

2<sup>nd</sup> Flora C., living in New Phila.

3<sup>rd</sup> Frank W., Lieut in U. S. Navy, died in Pasadena, Cal., in 1883.

4<sup>th</sup> Harry H., lived in Los Angeles, Cal.

## NEW JERSEY BRANCH

2<sup>3</sup> LEONARD NEIGHBOUR (III), (1764-1854); m Eliza-beth Wise (1768-1846). Bought the interests of the other heirs of the 3d generation, thus retained the "homestead," and, it has so happened, thus also identified his descendants with the old home locality, making them the "New Jersey Branch" of the family. Represented his county in the legislature in 1812, and again in 1832. Divided the "homestead" between his sons Jacob W. and Leonhard (IV). Leonard (III) and his wife are buried in the "Lower Valley" Presbyterian church yard, on the same lot, and with the same monument, as their son David. Their children :

1<sup>4</sup> Catharine (1787-1859), m. Zacharias Flomerfelt.

2<sup>4</sup> GEORGE (1789-1874), m. Eliza Rarick. Buried in "Lower Valley" church yard.

1<sup>5</sup> Silvester, died 1892; m. Zilpah Lance.



**"AUNT KATIE" ROBERTS AND BIRTHDAY CAKE  
ON HER 100TH ANNIVERSARY**



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- 1<sup>6</sup> Ann Elizabeth, m. Abner Dilts.
- 2<sup>6</sup> John, m. Margaret Vandervoort.
- 3<sup>6</sup> Malachi, m. Lydia Ann Swackhamer.
- 2<sup>5</sup> Eliza Ann, m. Elias Cregar.
- 3<sup>5</sup> Conrad, m. Mary Sharp.
  - 1<sup>6</sup> Elizabeth, m. Casper Apgar.
  - 2<sup>6</sup> Louisa, m. Robinson.
- 4<sup>5</sup> Mary, m. Geo. Trimmer.
- 5<sup>5</sup> David, m. Anna Hackett.
  - 1<sup>6</sup> William. 2<sup>6</sup> Sarah E. 3<sup>6</sup> Mary.
- 6<sup>5</sup> Catharina, m. Jacob Cregar.
- 7<sup>5</sup> Amanda, m. Wyckoff Stevens.
- 8<sup>5</sup> Sophia, m. Benjamin Cole.
- 9<sup>5</sup> Leonard, m. Adeline Flummervelt.
  - 1<sup>6</sup> Emma, m. Geo. Apgar
  - 2<sup>6</sup> Susan A., m. S. N. Weise.
  - 3<sup>6</sup> Elias, deceased.
  - 4<sup>6</sup> Elizabeth, m. Philip George.
  - 5<sup>6</sup> George, m. Minnie Eick.
- 10<sup>5</sup> George, m. Elizabeth Sharp.
- 3<sup>4</sup> Sophia (1791-1824), m. Wm. Dellicker.
- 4<sup>4</sup> Anna, b. 1793, d young.
- 5<sup>4</sup> WILLIAM (1795-1878). m. Adeline Thorp.
  - 1<sup>5</sup> Mary, m. John Swackhamer.
  - 2<sup>5</sup> Jacob, m. Mary Ferrier; living at Chinese Camp. Cal.
  - 3<sup>5</sup> Elizabeth, m. Jno. F. Crater; lived at Princeton, Ill.
  - 4<sup>5</sup> Louisa, died unmarried.
  - 5<sup>5</sup> Ann. m. Jno. F. Crater, Princeton, Ill., as second wife.
  - 6<sup>5</sup> Addie, unmarried.
  - 7<sup>5</sup> Lemuel, m. Louisa Trimmer.
    - 1<sup>6</sup> Ida May. 2<sup>6</sup> Meta. 3<sup>6</sup> Ray.
- 6<sup>4</sup> DAVID NEIGHBOUR (1797-1892); m. 1st, Ann Hance; 2nd, Mrs. Elizabeth Trimmer; 3d, Mrs. Elizabeth Chidester. He was a man of enviable reputation. We quote from Chambers: "Uncle David Neighbour, of Lower Valley, who was born 1797 and died 1892, at the age of 95 years, and whose

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birthdays were annually celebrated by large gatherings in his home to do him honor, was remarkable for an equable temperament, a judicious mind, unimpeached integrity and a genial disposition, all of which were sanctified by a fervent Christian faith. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church for many years, a member of the Assembly (state legislature) and of the constitutional Convention." Mr. Neighbour represented Hunterdon county in the legislature 1837-38, and was a delegate in 1844, to the convention for revising the state constitution. His children:

1<sup>5</sup> SILAS NEIGHBOUR, m. Ann Appgar, lives on that part of the 'homestead' containing the site of the original house.

1<sup>6</sup> Ella, m. Jesse Weise, lives in German Valley.

2<sup>6</sup> Stewart J., m. Kate J. Hann, lives on "homestead."

1<sup>7</sup> Leonard Stewart.

3<sup>6</sup> Louise, unmarried.

2<sup>5</sup> CALVIN NEIGHBOUR, m. Mary Baler.

1<sup>6</sup> John, m. Mary Emory.

1<sup>7</sup> Annie, m. W. V. Garrison.

1<sup>3</sup> David Garrison, unmarried.

2<sup>8</sup> Louisa, m. E. M. Young; has a child.

3<sup>8</sup> Grapdin, m. Belle Scott, has son Arthur,

3<sup>5</sup> JAMES HANCE NEIGHBOUR; m. Mary Warn; attorney at Dover, N. J. State Representative, 1883-84; chairman of Judiciary both terms. Delegate to the Democratic National Convention that nominated Cleveland at Chicago, in 1884. Their children:

1<sup>6</sup> Edward, attorney, associated with his father.

1<sup>7</sup> James.

2<sup>6</sup> Lucy, m. Robert Kilgore.

3<sup>6</sup> Lida, m. Robert Oram.

4<sup>6</sup> Sophia, m. Evan Pettengill.

4<sup>5</sup> Elizabeth, m. J. P. S. Miller.

5<sup>5</sup> LEONARD D. NEIGHBOUR, m. Elizabeth Neighbour, daughter of Lawrence.

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- 1<sup>6</sup> Mary, unmarried.
- 2<sup>6</sup> Henry, m. Kate Van Nest.
  - 1<sup>7</sup> Raymond David. 2<sup>7</sup> Elizabeth.
- 3<sup>6</sup> Edson J., m. Miss Weise : lives at German Valley.
- 4<sup>6</sup> Jennie.
- 5<sup>6</sup> Grace, m. Simaton, a Presbyterian minister.
- 6<sup>5</sup> NICHOLAS, m. 1st, Emeline Terriberly; 2d, Mrs. John Burrell.
  - 1<sup>6</sup> Miller, m. Lucy Anderson.
  - 1<sup>7</sup> Harold.
  - 2<sup>6</sup> Enos.
  - 3<sup>6</sup> Annie.
- 7<sup>5</sup> MANCIUS H., m. Sarah Stevenson, d. about 1879.
- 8<sup>5</sup> Sophia, d. at about two years.
- 7<sup>4</sup> Elizabeth Neighbour (1800-1886), m. Geo. Dufford.
- 8<sup>4</sup> LEONHARD NEIGHBOUR (IV), (1802-1880) m. Susanna Welsch.
  - 1<sup>5</sup> Arthur, unmarried, owns southerly half of "homestead."
  - 2<sup>5</sup> Catharine, m. Mancius H Hoffman.
  - 3<sup>5</sup> Lydia Ann.
- 9<sup>4</sup> JACOB WEISE NEIGHBOUR (1805-1888); m. 1st, Mary A. Trimmer, 2d, Caroline Bodine. Took title from his father to north half of "homestead;" founded Califon, N. J.; died at Princeton, Ill. Had many children, nearly all dying young.
  - 1<sup>7</sup> Gilbert, lives at Snelling, Cal.
  - 2<sup>5</sup> Jesse, lives at Snelling, Cal.
  - 3<sup>6</sup> James Neighbour, lives at Princeton, Ill.
- 10<sup>4</sup> LAWRENCE NEIGHBOUR (1808-1840); m. Mary Trimmer.
  - 1<sup>5</sup> Elizabeth; m. Leonard D. Neighbour. Children already given under his name.
  - 2<sup>5</sup> Mary; m. David Sharp
  - 3<sup>5</sup> Theodore; m. Sharp.
    - 1<sup>6</sup> Lawrence H. Neighbour; m. Leora Van Duzer.
    - 1<sup>7</sup> Wilbur. 2<sup>7</sup> George. 3<sup>7</sup> Ralph.
    - 2<sup>6</sup> Morris S.; m. Martha Van Duzer.

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1<sup>7</sup> Harry.3<sup>6</sup> James N.

11<sup>4</sup> Mary Anne (1811-1876); m. Michael Ferrier, d. at Califon.

3<sup>3</sup> Marie Margareta, b. 1766, d. a babe; buried between her grandparents, Leonard I and wife.

4<sup>3</sup> John Neighbour; m. (1793) to Annie Dufford. Left daughter Elizabeth, who married a Dilts.

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5<sup>3</sup> DAVID NEIGHBOUR (March 30, 1770—Oct. 31, 1824); m. 1st Elizabeth Sharp, Aug. 7, 1791, who lived only till Nov. of the same year; 2d, on Dec. 22, 1793, Elizabeth Trimmer (Dec. 11, 1776—June 27, 1863). With this name we return to the "Western Branch" of the family. Was one of the emigrants to Ohio, and one of the founders of the settlement that in his day was known as Neighbour Town. Here he lived nine years, after the removal to Ohio. It was yet three years after his death that a village was regularly laid out, here, and given the name of Newcomerstown. By the roadside, where the main traveled trail of the valley crossed his farm—afterward to be known as the State Road—he built his home, the first of the new settlement. On the site of it, we are told, now stands the residence of Mr. T. A. Banks. David Neighbour and his wife were of a generation that experienced to the full the hardships of the wilderness, and that met them bravely. Along with the others of their generation they sleep in the little Old Cemetery of Newcomerstown, that silent and almost sole reminder of the bygone days, with its incongruous modern surroundings of busy factory wheels and screaming locomotives. The Children of David and Elizabeth:

1<sup>4</sup> JOHN (1798-1830). Died at N. C. town. Had married the widow of Leonard, eldest son of Judge Neighbour. The widow and family moved to Iowa in 1844. His children:

1<sup>5</sup> Marilda, b. 1819; m. John Carr, lived at Lafayette Ia.; left a daughter.

2<sup>5</sup> Ann, b. 1819; m. Romig, lived in Linn county, Ia.





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- 3<sup>o</sup> Elizabeth, b. 1822; m. James Thomas, lived in Linn county; childless.
- 4<sup>o</sup> Lydia, b. 1825.
- 5<sup>o</sup> Morris, b. 1828; twice married; last 4 children by 2d marriage.
  - 1<sup>6</sup> Dixon W. Neighbour, b. 1853; Grocer, Lafayette, Ia.
  - 2<sup>6</sup> Herbert B. Neighbour, b. 1855; Lafayette, Ia.
  - 1<sup>7</sup> Pearl.
  - 3<sup>6</sup> Howard, deceased.
  - 4<sup>6</sup> Lawrence, b. 1859, Westport, Cal.
  - 5<sup>6</sup> Ida Bell, deceased.
  - 6<sup>6</sup> Harriet Ann, deceased.
  - 7<sup>6</sup> Ida. 8<sup>6</sup> Olive. 9<sup>6</sup> Eva. 10<sup>6</sup> Willard.
- 2<sup>4</sup> Elizabeth (1797-1798).
- 3<sup>4</sup> Catharine — "Aunt Treeny,"— b. 1799; m. Joshua Gardner, lived to be about 70. Home at N. C. town.
- 1<sup>5</sup> Catharine; m. 1st, L. P. Doyle, 2d D. C. Whiting.
  - 1<sup>6</sup> L. P. Doyle, Bloomfield, Ind.
  - 2<sup>6</sup> Alonzo Doyle, Bloomfield, Ind.
  - 3<sup>6</sup> Luther Doyle.
  - 4<sup>6</sup> Matilda Doyle, deceased; m. and left children.
  - 5<sup>6</sup> Daughter who m. Thos. Lacey, 26 E. Lincoln street, Columbus, Ohio.
  - 6<sup>6</sup> D. C. Whiting, Jr., N. C. town, Ohio.
  - 7<sup>6</sup> Lillie; m. Caylor, Columbus, Ohio.
  - 8<sup>6</sup> Thomas, deceased.
- 2<sup>5</sup> Catharine; m. Burris Moore, Surveyor; moved to Iowa.
  - 1<sup>6</sup> Sarah; m. 1st, Otis Brown; 2nd, Horace Goodell.
    - 1<sup>7</sup> Joseph Brown, Corydon, Ia.; has children
    - 2<sup>7</sup> Carrie Goodell, Co. Supt. Schools, Corydon Ia.
    - 3<sup>7</sup> Lewis Goodell, Corydon, Ia.
    - 4<sup>7</sup> Ernest, died 1899.
  - 2<sup>6</sup> Catharine; m. Lucien Goodell, bro. of Horace.

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- 1<sup>7</sup> Sophia.
- 2<sup>7</sup> Joseph.
- 3<sup>6</sup> Rachel; m. John Havner, Corydon, Ia.
- 1<sup>7</sup> Frank Havner, married and has child.
- 2<sup>7</sup> William
- 3<sup>7</sup> Hallie, soldier in Spanish War.
- 4<sup>7</sup> Nellie; m. Dr. Brewer.
- 5<sup>7</sup> Lucien.
- 4<sup>6</sup> William Moore, Corydon, Ia.
- 1<sup>7</sup> Nellie.
- 5<sup>6</sup> Cornelia; m. Albert Denton, Corydon, Ia.
- 1<sup>7</sup> Lulu. 2<sup>7</sup> Edith. 3<sup>7</sup> Mamie. 4<sup>7</sup> Nell.
- 5<sup>7</sup> Laura, 6<sup>7</sup> Robert.
- 3<sup>5</sup> Almira Gardner; m. Pumphrey.
- 1<sup>6</sup> Scott. 2<sup>6</sup> Joshua. 3<sup>6</sup> Catharine. 4<sup>6</sup> Frank.
- 5<sup>6</sup> William.
- 4<sup>5</sup> Lambert Bowman Gardner, unmarried, joined Iowa regiment and fell in the Civil War.
- 5<sup>5</sup> Lewis Gardner (1835-1895); lived and died at N. C. town, O.
- 1<sup>6</sup> Harrison, married and has children.
- 2<sup>6</sup> Robert, married and has children. Lives in Dennison, O., of which he has been mayor.
- 3<sup>6</sup> Mrs. Coffey.
- 4<sup>4</sup> Ann Neighbour (1801-1892); m. John Hoglan, a stone mason, who died in 1859.
- 1<sup>5</sup> John.
- 2<sup>5</sup> Catharine.
- 3<sup>5</sup> Pernina; m. Philip Zimmer.
- 4<sup>5</sup> Wilson.
- 5<sup>5</sup> Nicholas.
- 6<sup>5</sup> Lafayette, Navarre, Ohio.
- 7<sup>5</sup> Polk.
- 8<sup>5</sup> Elizabeth; m. Baxter.
- 9<sup>5</sup> Jane; m. Dr. A. M. Beers, N. C. town, O.
- 5<sup>4</sup> JACOB NEIGHBOUR (1803-1889); m. Susan Neighbour, daughter of William N., one of the emigrants to Ohio.
- 1<sup>5</sup> Catharine (1831-); m. Geo. J. Coder in 1853.

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- 1<sup>b</sup> Annie Coder (1854-); m. in 1873 to Jas. Mc-Connell.
- 1<sup>7</sup> Edna V. (1874-); m. B. H. Adams, Will co., Ill.
- 1<sup>8</sup> Laura A. 2<sup>8</sup> Nellie F. 3<sup>8</sup> Daughter.
- 2<sup>7</sup> Bessie I. (1876-); m. Guy A. Rathburn in 1897.
- 1<sup>8</sup> Geo. Rathburn.
- 3<sup>7</sup> Charles R. (1897-).
- 2<sup>8</sup> Alonzo W. (1855-); m. Susannah Landgraf.
- 1<sup>7</sup> Geo. W. 2<sup>7</sup> Catharine E. 3<sup>7</sup> Clara M.
- 4<sup>7</sup> Joseph F. 5<sup>7</sup> Chas. W. 6<sup>7</sup> Frederick A. 7<sup>7</sup> Edna J. 8<sup>7</sup> Theodore C.
- 9<sup>7</sup> Francis S.
- 3<sup>8</sup> Susannah J. (1858-); m. Perry L. Minor.
- 1<sup>7</sup> Annie M. 2<sup>7</sup> Charles F. 3<sup>7</sup> Claude B.
- 4<sup>7</sup> Alvin O. 5<sup>7</sup> William L.
- 2<sup>8</sup> Margarette Ann (1840-1868); m. Samuel Vans ickel.
- 1<sup>8</sup> William J. (1858-); m. one child.
- 2<sup>8</sup> Sarah Elizabeth (1867-); m., four children.
- 3<sup>8</sup> Samuel Emory (1867); two children.
- 3<sup>8</sup> Jacob Neighbour; m. Jane McFarland. Served Civil War. Lives in N. C. town on "The Hill."
- 1<sup>8</sup> Alvin Orin (1871-); m. Anna Belle Patterson.
- 1<sup>7</sup> Earl Fay (1896-).
- 2<sup>8</sup> Theodore Alvin (1873-); Ada May Norman.
- 3<sup>8</sup> John Abner (1876-).
- 4<sup>8</sup> Anna Belle 1879-; m. Joseph Keiser.
- 6<sup>4</sup> Mary Ann (1805-1883); m. Philip Hoglan. Moved to Linn co., Ia., where she died. Had been mother of thirteen children; six of them dying young. The others married and had families.
- 1<sup>5</sup> Jackson, Centre Point, Ia. Has eleven children.
- 2<sup>5</sup> Jacob. 3<sup>5</sup> Philip. 4<sup>5</sup> Leander. 5<sup>5</sup> Lena.
- 6<sup>5</sup> Sarah. 7<sup>5</sup> Julia.
- 7<sup>4</sup> DAVID NEIGHBOUR (1807-1823).
- 8<sup>4</sup> LAMBERT BOWMAN NEIGHBOUR, (Sept. 21, 1809-Jan. 9, 1859); m. 1st, Dec. 5, 1833, Hannah Meek (Jan. 16,

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1813–Oct. 19, 1843); 2nd, July 28, 1845, Mary Jones (Aug. 8, 1825–Nov. 14, 1863). Was a cabinet maker and furniture dealer, ruddy, heavy, and of remarkable physical strength; a Whig and a Wesleyan Methodist; an ardent Abolitionist and a “conductor” on the “Underground Railway.” His burial place is near that of his parents, in the northeast corner of the Old Cemetery, N. C. town.

1<sup>5</sup> SALATHIEL MEEK NEIGHBOUR (Nov. 18, 1834–July 7, 1864); Capt. Co. D, 52d Regt. O. V. I., and fell mortally wounded, while leading his men in the charge up Kenesaw Mountain. Married Jane Bell. Had four children, none of whom passed childhood. Except one that sleeps in the grave of its grandfather Neighbour, Salathiel’s family are housed together in their little burial lot, in the New Cemetery, N. C. town, O. “S M. Neighbour Post,” G. A. R., Newcomerstown, was named in his honor.

2<sup>5</sup> DAVID NEIGHBOUR (Sep. 24, 1836–Feb. 17, 1893); m. 1st, Harriet A. Piper, b. 1839; 2nd, Emma O. Davis, b. 1849. Was Lieutenant in his brother Salathiel’s company, and a lifelong sufferer from an injury to limb, occurring in the service.

1<sup>6</sup> Jesse Emerson, b. Feb. 18, 1859; m. Ella McCleary; Merchant at N. C. town.

1<sup>7</sup> Helen Emily.

2<sup>6</sup> Edward Ellsworth (1861–1872).

3<sup>6</sup> Mary Florence (1866–1887).

4<sup>6</sup> Frank Ella (1870–1872).

5<sup>6</sup> Frank Seward, b. Oct. 7, 1873.

6<sup>6</sup> Laura Augusta (1875–1876).

7<sup>6</sup> Estella Huston, b. June 22, 1879; N. C. town.

8<sup>6</sup> Edna Olive, b. Sept. 25, 1880; N. C. town.

9<sup>6</sup> Owen David, b. July 29, 1887; N. C. town.

10<sup>6</sup> Lorin Davis, b. July 29, 1887; N. C. town.

3<sup>5</sup> Angeline Neighbour (Jan. 21, 1839–Feb. 21, 1887); m. 1st, Robt. Hefling; 2nd, Arden Wheeler. She died at Astoria, Ill.



*James H. Neighbour*





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- 1<sup>o</sup> Rose Hefling (1865-), m. Robert Deweese, Industry, Ill. Has sons:
  - 1<sup>7</sup> Arthur. 2<sup>7</sup> Noel. 3<sup>7</sup> Vernon.
- 2<sup>o</sup> Gertrude Wheeler (1872-); married.
- 3<sup>o</sup> Edward F. (1873). 4<sup>o</sup> Chas. B. 5<sup>o</sup> Arthur B.
- 4<sup>o</sup> HARRISON NEIGHBOUR (April 24, 1841-March 23, 1896); m. Mary Exline. Served in Rebellion in 139th O. V. I. Died and is buried in Uhrichsville, Ohio. Like his father a cabinet maker.
  - 1<sup>o</sup> Clarence Neighbour, married, lives in Chicago.
    - 1<sup>7</sup> Ruth M. 2<sup>7</sup> George J. 3<sup>7</sup> Nora.
  - 2<sup>o</sup> Ella, Uhrichsville, O.
  - 3<sup>o</sup> Frank, Uhrichsville, O.
  - 4<sup>o</sup> David, Uhrichsville, O.
  - 5<sup>o</sup> Nora, Uhrichsville, O.
- 5<sup>o</sup> Gertrude, b. April 19, 1846; m. T. J. McCartney, and now (1906), lives in Thomasville, Ga.
  - 1<sup>o</sup> Edna E., Jan. 10, 1873; m. J. W. Butler, merchant, Camilla, Ga. Has daughter, Gertrude.
  - 2<sup>o</sup> John David, b. Sept. 18, 1880. Editor and proprietor Thomasville Times Enterprise.
- 6<sup>o</sup> EDWIN D. NEIGHBOUR, b. Nov. 9, 1847; m. Mattie Lewis; lives at Neoga, Ill.
  - 1<sup>o</sup> Clarence A., born Oct. 22, 1882, law student.
  - 2<sup>o</sup> Floy Edwina, Oct. 17, 1887, at home.
- 7<sup>o</sup> Emma J. (Sept. 21, 1850-April 21, 1892), m. John Carruthers, and lived near Neoga, Illinois.
  - 1<sup>o</sup> Gertrude R., m. Page Soliday; near Neoga, Illinois.
    - 1<sup>7</sup> Son Ray.
  - 2<sup>o</sup> Lulu F., m. Benjamin Doll, near Neoga, Ill.
    - 1<sup>7</sup> Carl, and two other sons.
  - 3<sup>o</sup> Frank A., m. Iva Carr; resides on Carruthers homestead.
    - 1<sup>7</sup> Stella. 2<sup>7</sup> Lester.
  - 4<sup>o</sup> Stella, unmarried, teacher.
  - 5<sup>o</sup> Lois, unmarried, teacher.
- 8<sup>o</sup> LAMBERT BOWMAN NEIGHBOUR (II) b. Jan. 10, 1858, at N. C. town, O.; m. Jessie E. Carpenter,

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- of Seneca, Ill. (Nov. 4, 1864–June 2, 1897). Supt. Schools, Dixon, Ill., and compiler of this genealogy.
- 1<sup>o</sup> Faith, b. Dec. 17, 1835; a teacher.
- 2<sup>o</sup> Jessie Gertrude, b. Feb. 6, 1888.
- 3<sup>o</sup> David Justus, b. Dec. 25, 1889.
- 4<sup>o</sup> Leonard Bowman, b. Feb. 3, 1892.
- 5<sup>o</sup> Sidney Maurice, b. April 4, 1893.
- 9<sup>4</sup> Eliza Neighbour (1812—) m. Wolf.
- 1<sup>5</sup> John, lives in Iowa.
- 2<sup>5</sup> Marilda, m. McKinzie, lives 9 miles n. of Des Moines.
- 10<sup>4</sup> ABSALOM NEIGHBOUR, (Jan. 19, 1814—Oct. 2, 1868); m. Jane Doyle (1817–1877). Lived at Newcomers-town, Ohio. Their children:
- 1<sup>5</sup> THEODORE D. NEIGHBOUR, b. Aug. 2, 1842; m. Oct. 11, 1870, to Ellen Elliott (b. 1846). Served in Co. D. 52d Regt. O. V. I. Is merchant in Newcomerstown.
- 1<sup>o</sup> Maybel Cora, b. Sep. 4, 1871.
- 2<sup>o</sup> Minnie May, b. Oct. 29, 1873; m. T. J. Stahler. Has son.
- 3<sup>o</sup> Jane Alice, b. Nov. 22, 1875.
- 4<sup>o</sup> Salathiel Absalom, b. Feb. 19, 1878.
- 2<sup>5</sup> Samantha, m. Ralph English, N. C. town.
- 1<sup>o</sup> Frank N., m. Lucy Dickinson.
- 1<sup>7</sup> Hubert and 2<sup>7</sup> an infant (1899).
- 2<sup>o</sup> Mary.
- 3<sup>o</sup> Edna.
- 4<sup>o</sup> Flora May.
- 3<sup>5</sup> Alice J., m. Burnie Chapman; lives at McCracken, Green Co., Pa.
- 1<sup>o</sup> Herman. 2<sup>o</sup> Rollin O. 3<sup>o</sup> Harry. 4<sup>o</sup> Ernest T. 5<sup>o</sup> Clarence. 6<sup>o</sup> Byron.
- 11<sup>4</sup> MORRIS TRIMMER NEIGHBOUR (1817–1891); m., 1st, Bethia Miller; 2nd, Drusilla Everhart. Moved from Newcomerstown to Shelby county, Ill., in the 60's, and is buried at Gaskill cemetery, near Neoga.
- 1<sup>5</sup> Letitia, m. Eli Goodwin, and deceased.
- 1<sup>o</sup> Annie.

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- 2<sup>6</sup> Mabel, unmarried; Windsor, Ill.
- 2<sup>5</sup> Louisa, m. Rev. John Fox, M. E. minister; lives at Salina, Kas.
  - 1<sup>6</sup> John.
  - 2<sup>6</sup> Mary, deceased.
- 3<sup>5</sup> SYLVANUS WOOD NEIGHBOUR; m. Mattie Carruthers; lived near Neoga, Ill.; d. 1904. Was familiarly known among relatives and friends as "Doc." Was an unusually successful farmer and business man.
  - 1<sup>6</sup> Cora, m. Orin Barr. Deceased. Left son Ellis.
- 4<sup>5</sup> Josephine, m. Thos. Wallace; lives near Neoga.
  - 1<sup>6</sup> Robert Austace.
  - 2<sup>6</sup> Harry Allen.
  - 3<sup>6</sup> Arthur Turner.
  - 4<sup>6</sup> Frank.
  - 5<sup>6</sup> Morris Clark.
  - 6<sup>6</sup> Thomas.
- 5<sup>5</sup> THEODORE LAWSON NEIGHBOUR, Denver, Colo.; m. Miss Vene Sharrock.
  - 1<sup>6</sup> Jessie Mabel, m. and has children.
  - 2<sup>6</sup> Elmer Wood.
  - 3<sup>6</sup> Marcus Lincoln.
  - 4<sup>6</sup> Carroll Ray.
- 12<sup>4</sup> NICHOLAS NEIGHBOUR (b. Jan. 13, 1819, d. Jan. 17, 1899); lived near Corydon, Ia. Married Loretta Dickinson, of N. C. town. Moved to Ia. in 1850.
  - 1<sup>5</sup> Seth, b. July 31, 1846; m. Martha Waldrip.
    - 1<sup>6</sup> Claude L., b. Jan. 20, 1873.
    - 2<sup>6</sup> Maud L., b. Mar. 25. 1875; m. Jesse Garner, college professor.
  - 2<sup>5</sup> Cornelia, m. Rev. Mr. Brengle, Pres. minister, both now deceased.
  - 3<sup>5</sup> Charles K., Ovid, Ia., merchant and farmer.
  - 4<sup>5</sup> Elvira, (1854-1906); m. A. J. Draper, Corydon, Ia.
  - 5<sup>5</sup> Burris G., Ovid, Ia.
  - 6<sup>5</sup> Lillis, Ovid, Ia.
  - 7<sup>5</sup> Jay, married; one son, Milo; Ovid, Ia.

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- 6<sup>3</sup> Sophia Neighbour (1772-1864); m., 1st Jacob Hagar, b. 1750; will dated 1796; 2d, Lambert Bowman, tavern keeper of German Valley, who had 3 children by a former wife, and 5 by "Aunt Sophia." Her headstone is a noticeable one in the yard at the Old Stone Church, of German Valley. A woman of forceful character.
- 1<sup>4</sup> Elizabeth Hagar, b. 1789; m. Francis Anthony; inherited the John Labor place, near Newberg, Warren county.
- 2<sup>4</sup> Mary Hagar, b. Dec. 31, 1790; died; young.
- 3<sup>4</sup> William Hagar, died young.
- 4<sup>4</sup> Annie Hagar, last child by first husband.
- 5<sup>4</sup> Leonard Neighbour Bowman: m. Margaret Rockafeller, and lived at Pittstown, N. J.
- 1<sup>5</sup> John Bowman, millwright; killed in Rebellion.
- 2<sup>5</sup> Lambert, m. Nettie Kuhl. His monument, in Flemington, N. J., reads: "Lambert Boeman, Major in the 15th Regt. N. J. Vols.; fell in the battle of Cedar Creek, Va., at the head of his command, as acting Colonel of the 10th N. J., Oct. 19, 1864, in his 32d year. Erected by personal friends, by permission of the family." He would have been promoted to Col. of the 15th, had he survived the battle.
- 1<sup>6</sup> Dora, m. Fleming, Plainfield, N. J.
- 1<sup>7</sup> Lambert.
- 2<sup>6</sup> Margaret. b. 1859; m. Randolph, Flemington, N. J.
- 3<sup>6</sup> Ann, m. James Switzer.
- 4<sup>6</sup> Elizabeth, m. Young, Doylestown, Pa.
- 5<sup>6</sup> Mary, m. Moses Stryker.
- 6<sup>6</sup> Jane, married and resides near Pittstown.
- 7<sup>6</sup> George, married and resides near Philadelphia.
- 6<sup>4</sup> Jean, b. 1803; m. Joseph Cogle.
- 7<sup>4</sup> David Welsch Bowman, b. 1808; m. Mary Siegler; lived at G.V. and Pattenburg.
- 1<sup>5</sup> Siegler, sea captain, resided in Phila.
- 2<sup>5</sup> George, married, and moved to Ill.



**CAPT. SALATHIEL M. NEIGHBOUR**  
**NEWCOMERSTOWN, OHIO**



## LEONARD NEIGHBOUR, CON.

- 3<sup>s</sup> Jane, m. Jacob Stiers, resides near Clinton.
- 8<sup>d</sup> Peter Bowman, m. Naomi Shipman; lived Washington.
- 1<sup>s</sup> Leonard Neighbour Bowman.
- 2<sup>s</sup> Mary, m. John Pearter.
- 3<sup>s</sup> Sarah, m. Joseph Wooliever.
- 9<sup>d</sup> Nicholas Neighbour Bowman (1812-1882); m. Margaret Ann Lerch (b. 1813); living (1896) with her son at Annandale, N. J.
- 1<sup>s</sup> Elizabeth, b. 1838; m. Chauncey Dexter.
- 2<sup>s</sup> Lambert (1840-1863).
- 3<sup>s</sup> Christie Osmun (1842-1870), unmarried.
- 4<sup>s</sup> Ann Sophia, b. 1847; m. John Frech.
- 1<sup>s</sup> Fred.
- 2<sup>s</sup> Maud.
- 3<sup>s</sup> Paul.
- 5<sup>s</sup> Talmage Bowman, b. 1848; died young.
- 6<sup>s</sup> Isaac Luther Bowman (1850-1886); unmarried.
- 7<sup>s</sup> Jennie Luella, b. 1854; m. William Hackett.
- 1<sup>s</sup> Frank Hackett.
- 8<sup>s</sup> Theodore R. Bowman; b. 1858; m. Annie Cranmer; lives in Annandale.
- 1<sup>s</sup> Walter.
- 2<sup>s</sup> Luella.
- 3<sup>s</sup> Stella.

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- 7<sup>s</sup> WILLIAM NEIGHBOUR; m. in 1801 to Catharine Swackhammer. One of the 3 brothers who settled Newcomerstown vicinity. Died 1840.
- 1<sup>d</sup> JACOB NEIGHBOUR; m., 1st, Grace Hoglan; 2d, Mrs. Jesse Walton. Died at N. C. town in 1860. Was called "Squire Jake," or "Curly Jake," to distinguish from others of same given name. His widow died at Princeton, Ill., in 1865. Five of his sons served in the Union army.
- 1<sup>s</sup> Samuel S., living in Newcomerstown.
- 2<sup>s</sup> Sarah; m. Charles Wilgus.
- 3<sup>s</sup> Mary; m. Patterson, Grant, Ia.
- 4<sup>s</sup> Immanuel, Baxter, Ia.
- 5<sup>s</sup> Jacob W., Newcomerstown; old soldier.

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- 1<sup>6</sup> Sarah G., m. Yingling.
- 2<sup>6</sup> Gertrude B.
- 3<sup>6</sup> Helen E.
- 6<sup>5</sup> George W., Ness City, Kas.; old soldier.
- 7<sup>5</sup> Harriet A.; m. Davis, Altavista, Kas.
- 8<sup>5</sup> James L., Ness City, Kas.
- 9<sup>5</sup> Martha Phedora; m. McGrath, Goffs, Kas.
- 10<sup>5</sup> John Edmund; b. 1859; Co. Recorder, Ness City, Kas.
- 2<sup>4</sup> Susan, m. Jacob, son of David Neighbour, N.C. town.
- 3<sup>4</sup> LEONARD NEIGHBOUR; m., 1st, Elizabeth Gaskill; 2d, Mary Servison. Two children by 1st wife.
- 1<sup>5</sup> Malona, m. John McAllister, Neoga, Ill.
  - 1<sup>6</sup> Lizzie, m. James Kennedy.
  - 2<sup>6</sup> Alonzo, m. Mollie Zimmer.
  - 3<sup>6</sup> Laura, m. John Cross.
  - 4<sup>6</sup> Robert, m. Frye.
  - 5<sup>6</sup> Anna, m. Geo. Phelps.
  - 6<sup>6</sup> Lucretia, m. Bingamin.
  - 7<sup>6</sup> Lincoln.
  - 8<sup>6</sup> John.
- 2<sup>5</sup> Elizabeth, m. Fankboner, Marion, Ind.
- 3<sup>5</sup> Lavinia, m. Anson Hines, N. C. town.
  - 1<sup>6</sup> Leonard C., m. Carrie Wall.
  - 2<sup>6</sup> Bertha, m. L. H. Crooks.
  - 3<sup>6</sup> Hallie.
  - 4<sup>6</sup> Bathsheba.
- 4<sup>5</sup> Nancy, m. Wilcox, died 1899.
- 5<sup>5</sup> John Wesley, N. C. town.
- 6<sup>5</sup> Richard, deceased. Served in Civil War.
- 7<sup>5</sup> Catharine, m. Mabary.
- 8<sup>5</sup> J. B. Cranston, deceased.
- 9<sup>5</sup> Emma, m. Murphy, Mt. Vernon, O.
- 4<sup>4</sup> Lavinia.
- 5<sup>4</sup> WILLIAM NEIGHBOUR (1806-1872); m., 1st, Sarah Kline; 2d, Mrs. Martin Kline.
  - 1<sup>6</sup> Elizabeth; b. 1834; m. John Wilgus, N. C. town.
  - 1<sup>6</sup> Elma; m., 1st, E. R. Burke; 2nd, Judge Virgil Brown, Okla.
  - 2<sup>6</sup> Frank; m. Laura Tufford.



## LEONARD NEIGHBOUR, CON.

- 3<sup>s</sup> Will ; m. and deceased.
- 4<sup>s</sup> Marcia ; m. Lybarger, N. C town.
- 5<sup>s</sup> Edward D.
- 2<sup>s</sup> Harlow W. Neighbour, b 1836; m. Mary Everhart.  
Lives at Neoga, Ill.
- 1<sup>s</sup> Morris Trimmer Neighbour (II); m. Bennett.  
One child, son.
- 3<sup>s</sup> Martin S. Neighbour; b. 1841 ; m. Lavina Miller.  
Lives at Crystal Springs, Kas. Old soldier.
- 1<sup>s</sup> William.
- 2<sup>s</sup> Sarah.
- 3<sup>s</sup> Wood.
- 4<sup>s</sup> Norah.
- 5<sup>s</sup> Frank } twins.
- 6<sup>s</sup> Kate }
- 7<sup>s</sup> Myrtle.
- 4<sup>s</sup> Robert P. Neighbour; b. 1876 ; m. Ella Swan ;  
N. C. town.
- 1<sup>s</sup> Howard D.
- 2<sup>s</sup> Frank M.
- 3<sup>s</sup> Mame S.
- 4<sup>s</sup> William.
- 5<sup>s</sup> Milton F. Neighbour, b. 1863; m. Etta Lyons.  
Has "home place."
- 1<sup>s</sup> Cora. 2<sup>s</sup> Edna.
- 6<sup>s</sup> Catharine.
- 7<sup>s</sup> Mary. m. William Lee.
- 1<sup>s</sup> Catharine.
- 2<sup>s</sup> Louisa.
- 3<sup>s</sup> Samuel, m. Parrish.
- 4<sup>s</sup> Miles, tinner ; N. C. town. Blinded by a shot in  
the Civil War.
- 5<sup>s</sup> Julia ; m. Eli Goodwin, as 2nd wife.
- 6<sup>s</sup> Susan ; m. Randall, Marion, Ind.
- 7<sup>s</sup> Mary ; died unmarried; sufferer from rheuma-  
tism.
- 8<sup>s</sup> Martha, Mary's twin sister ; married and living  
Texas.
- 8<sup>s</sup> JOHN NEIGHBOUR ; moved to Mo. and left, any-  
how, 2 children.

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- 9<sup>4</sup> Betsey ; m. Jenkin Whiteside ; lived on " White Eyes" Plains, near N. C. town. Died 1890.  
1<sup>5</sup> William.  
2<sup>5</sup> Catharine.  
3<sup>5</sup> Jefferson.  
4<sup>5</sup> Samuel.  
5<sup>5</sup> Jenkin, teacher.
- 10<sup>4</sup> STEPHEN NEIGHBOUR ; m. Elizabeth McCleary ; lived near Orange. Died 1900.  
1<sup>5</sup> Thomas J.  
2<sup>5</sup> Stephen D.  
3<sup>5</sup> Abraham.  
4<sup>5</sup> Alfred.  
5<sup>5</sup> Lavina.  
6<sup>5</sup> Drusilla.  
7<sup>5</sup> Virgil.  
8<sup>5</sup> John J.  
9<sup>5</sup> Jane, unmarried.
- 11<sup>4</sup> DAVID NEIGHBOUR, unmarried. Died at a good old age in N. C. town.
- 8<sup>5</sup> Elizabeth Neighbour ; m., 1st, David Swackhammer ; 2d, George Starker. First husband died after one year of married life. In the migration of 1815, she moved to Ohio, along with her brothers, Nicholas, David and William. Her children :  
1<sup>4</sup> John Starker, never married.  
2<sup>4</sup> David ; m. Eliza A. Ralph ; twice married afterward ; childless ; died 1895.  
3<sup>4</sup> Sophia, never married.  
4<sup>4</sup> Mary, m. Thos. Powell, home near Orange, Coshoc-ton county, Ohio. 4 sons and 2 daughters.  
5<sup>4</sup> Mahala, m. Benj. Norman.  
1<sup>5</sup> Geo. Norman, West Lafayette, Ohio.



**LIEUT. JAY W. NEIGHBOUR**  
**PALMYRA, N. Y.**



## James H. Neighbour's Letter

Dover, N. J., March 11, 1889.

Mr. L. B. Neighbour.

My Dear Sir:—Yonr letters asking for information in regard to our relatives in New Jersey, were duly received, and, in the first place, I will apologize for this long delay in answering.

I would say that I am glad you have written to me, and it will be equally agreeable to me to learn from you, as you suggest, of the welfare of the western branch of our family.

I say "our family" because we come from a common ancestry.

My father, David Neighbour, resides at the lower end of 'German Valley'—the modern name for "Dutch Valley"—where our ancestors first located.

He is now in his ninety second year, enjoying good health, with all the faculties of mind and body in remarkable vigor. I believe he is the oldest of those now living; and he remembers your grandfather, David Neighbour, very well,—he was my father's uncle.

It may be interesting to you to know of the oldest record I can find which gives any definite starting point.

In the old burying ground in the village—at German Valley—I find these records on headstones:

"Here lies the body of Leonhard Nachbar, who departed this life, August 26, 1766, aged 68 years and three months."

"Here lies the body of Maria Margareta Nachbar, died Nov. 17, 1770, aged 72 years and five months."

"No. 1" was my great-great grandfather and your great-great-great grandfather, as I make it out and as you will see from what follows:

"No. 1," was born in Germany, (I do not know in what particular place) in 1698, and with others emigrated to this part of New Jersey about 1744.

No. 2.—His son, Leonard Neighbour, died at German Valley in April, 1806, and is buried in the old church yard; he was under 70 years of age at his death.

"No. 2" owned a large farm at German Valley, and by his will, dated February 6, 1806, and proven April 19, 1806, in

Morristown, N. J., the county seat, willed it to his children, (the parties in the following record of a deed).

Nicholas Neighbour and  
Catharine, his wife,  
David Neighbour and  
Elizabeth, his wife,  
William Neighbour and  
Catharine, his wife,  
Lambert Bowman and  
Sophia, his wife,  
Elizabeth Swackhammer  
(Heirs of Leonard Neighbour No. II)  
To  
No. 3. Leonard Neighbour  
(another heir)

Deed dated  
Feb. 27, 1807.  
310 acres

Nicholas Neighbour, David Neighbour and William Neighbour emigrated from German Valley to Newcomerstown, Ohio, in 1815. My father recollects the fact very distinctly, Nicholas Neighbour and William Neighbour came east on a visit after that, about 1834. I remember seeing Nicholas at my father's once.

Their sister, Sophia Bowman, died here twenty-two years ago, about eighty years of age.

Leonard Neighbour, "No. III," died at my father's in December, 1854, aged ninety years and eleven months. He was my grandfather.

Leonard Neighbour, No. III, had the following children :

1. Catharine, married a Flomerfelt—dead.
2. George, died in 1874, aged eighty-five.
3. Sophia, married a Dellicker, died in 1824.
4. William, aged 83—dead.
5. David (my father) living, in 92d year.
6. Elizabeth, married a Dufford, died in 1886, aged 86.
7. Leonard, (No. IV.) died in 1880, aged 78.
8. Jacob, died at Princeton, Ill., aged 84.
9. Lawrence, died at German Valley, aged 30.
10. Mary Anne Farrier, died in California, aged 65.

My father, David, is the only one now living.

My grandfather, Leonard Neighbour (No. III), divided his

homestead farm (see the deed of Feb, 27, 1807) between his two sons, Leonard (No. IV) and Jacob.

Arthur Neighbour, only son of Leonard (No. IV), has that part of the homestead (bequeathed by No. IV), and my oldest brother, Silas, has the part formerly owned by Jacob.

My grandfather's descendants are quite numerous—the most of them living in Hunterdon and Morris counties, N. J.; his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grand children were living at the time of his death.

My father's children are Silas, Calvin, Elizabeth, James, Leonard and Nicholas, living; one son, Manchius, died ten years ago.

All married, have children, and some have grandchildren. We all reside in this (Morris) and adjoining counties, the greater part in Morris county.

My father's homestead is in Hunterdon county, near the Morris line, where he moved in 1823.

Nicholas Neighbour, son of Leonard Neighbour (No. II) represented the County of Morris in the state legislature about 1805.

Leonard Neighbour (No. III), represented the county in the state legislature in 1812 and 1832.

My father, David Neighbour, was in the legislature from Hunterdon county in 1837-38, and was one of the delegates in 1844 for the revision of the state constitution in session at Trenton.

I have had the honor of representing my district in our State Legislature in 1883 and 1884 and was chairman of the Judiciary both terms.

John F. Craier, of Princeton, Ill., who referred you to me, married Elizabeth Neighbour, a daughter of William Neighbour, who was a son of Leonard Neighbour "No. III."

JAMES HANCE NEIGHBOUR.

Dover, N. J., March 11, 1889.

### Will of Leonard Neighbour (II.)

In the name of God, Amen. The sixth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and six. I, Leonard Neighbour, of the Township of Washington, County

of Morris, and State of New Jersey, being at present weak in body but of perfect sound mind and memory, thanks be given to God therefor, and calling to mind the mortality of my Body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, That is to say: First of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it, and for my body, I recommend it to the Earth, to be buried in a christian-like manner, not doubting but at the General Resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God.

And as touching such wordly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I Give, Devise and Dispose of the same in the following manner and form: (Imprimis) It is my will, and I do Ordain, that in the first place all my just Debts and funeral Charges be paid and satisfied. Item (1.) It is my will and I do Ordain that after my decease my beloved wife, Loisa Elizabeth, shall keep and abide in the full possession and have all the care and management of my Plantation whereon I now live, as long as she remains my Widow. And it is further my will that after my decease, my beloved wife Loisa Elizabeth shall have two best beds and beddings, and my Ten-plate-stove and eight day clock, together with all the new Linen that may be mine at my decease, and as much of my Household and Kitchen furniture as she may think she may stand in need of for housekeeping, during her lifetime; and her choice of two cows and one horse if she thinks fit to take it, and as many of my Books as she may see fit, and the woman saddle and bridle, and my Negro woman Hannah.

And it is my will that after my decease, the residue or remainder of my Movable Estate shall be sold by my Executors at Public Vendue and the Money arising therefrom shall be divided as hereinafter mentioned; and after my wife's death, it is my will, that all my lands that I may own at my decease shall be sold to one of my Sons—that is to say to the highest Bidder amongst them, if they should all be living yet that now is alive, and in the case that one or more of them should be dead, it is my will that his or their heirs shall have an equal chance with my Sons, that is to say, the heirs of him or them to have their Father's share, and chance of purchasing, and the Money arising from the Sale of said Lands shall be paid in four pay-





**"THE FOUR COUSINS"**

**"JAKEY" (JACOB)**

**"DOC" (SYLVANUS W.)**

**"DODE" (THEODORE D.)**

**"DAVE" (LIEUT. DAVID)**



ments by the purchaser in to my Executors hereinafter named, or the survivor thereof, and paid by my Executors in the following manner, that is to say, To my Grand daughter Elizabeth Neighbour, daughter of John Neighbour deceased, One hundred and thirty-three Dollars and thirty-three cents, which sum shall be in full of her father's Share out of my Estate both Real and Personal, and further it is my Will that the Sum herein before bequeathed to my Grand daughter be paid to her by my Executors out of the Money arising from the sales of my Lands, and be paid to her when she arrives of age. And further it is my Will and I do Order that my Son Nicholas Neighbour is to have thirty Dollars first and foremost paid him out of my Estate for his birthright, and then to go equal share with the rest of my Sons. That is to say, Leonard Neighbour, David Neighbour and William Neighbour, and it is my Will that my two Daughters, Sophia Bowman, Wife of Lambert Bowman, and Elizabeth Swackhammer, Wife of David Swackhammer, are to have half a Share each, out of my Real Estate after sold as herein before directed; or to make it more plain and explicit, the Money arising from the Sale of my Lands is to be divided into five shares—One share to be paid to my Son Nicholas Neighbour, and one share to my Son Leonard Neighbour, and one share to my Son David Neighbour, and one share to my Son William Neighbour, and half a share to my Daughter Sophia Bowman, wife of Lambert Bowman, and half a share to Elizabeth Swackhammer, wife of David Swackhammer, if they should be living.

And if any or all my Children should be dead, it is my Will that their heirs should draw their Father's or Mother's share as they are entitled to it by Law. And further it is my Will and I do order that, after my death, the money arising on the Sale of Movables shall be equally divided among my Sons and Daughters herein before named, share and share alike; and also after the death of my beloved Wife if any Movables should be left, it is to be sold by my Executors and divided among my Sons and Daughters, Share and Share alike, except her cloaths [clothes] which is to be divided between my Two daughters; and as to my cloaths [clothes] they are to be equally divided between my four Sons herein before named.

And lastly, it is my will, and I do ordain, make, constitute and appoint my Sons, Nicholas Neighbour and Leonard

Neighbour, my only and Sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament. Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the day and year first above written.

LEONARD NEIGHBOUR.

Signed, Sealed, Published, Pronounced and Declared by the said Leonard Neighbour, as his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us:

JOHN TRIMMER,  
AZEL COLEMAN,  
JOHN TRIMMER, 3rd.

A true copy.—JOHN McCARTER, Surrogate.

I, John McCarter, Surrogate of the County of Morris, do certify the annexed to be a true copy of the last will and testament of Leonard Neighbour, late of the County of Morris, deceased; and that Nicholas Neighbour and Leonard Neighbour—the executors therein named, proved the same before me, and are duly authorized to take upon themselves the administration of the estate of the testator, agreeably to the said will. Witness my Hand and Seal of Office, the Nineteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six.

JOHN McCARTER.

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### The Coming of Our People.

Following is an extract from the commencement essay of Miss Rosa Crater, at her graduation from the Newcomerstown Schools, about 1890. She wrote of the pioneers of the village—of her own forefathers—and for an audience that included many of their descendants:

“In 1814, Nicholas Neighbour, a man of great enterprise, of some learning and of considerable means, migrated here from German Valley, N. J., hoping doubtless to find a country where he might realize health, riches and honor. It is a great pleasure to add that his hopes were amply realized. For one thing, he was made one of the early judges of Ohio.

A road had been blazed out to the westward by some restless, undaunted Yankee, and that road, now known as the "State Road," was the only means of communication from the settled east.

Judge Neighbour evidently thought he had reached the land of promise, when he arrived at the Tuscarawas Valley, as he bought hundreds of acres of the land all about us, and immediately returned to his native New Jersey.

With such thrilling tales of the "New West" did he beguile his neighbors that by July in the next year, seventy-two souls, headed by the indomitable Nicholas, had sold all their worldly possessions and were wending their way into the Tuscarawas Valley.

In wagons, some covered, some uncovered; some drawn by horses, some by oxen, were loaded their simple household belongings. Beds for the sick and the babies were improvised; but very sick or very young was the one who was willing to submit to the intolerable jolting. Mothers preferred to walk, carrying their babies in their arms.

A picture of this little caravan, slowly wending its way over mountain and valley, nearly a century ago, is one that should hang on the walls of every memory. These people were to establish not only homes, comfort and independence for themselves, but they were to lay the foundation of liberty, of character and of happiness, for generations unborn.

We who are their descendants will surely be pardoned if, ninety years after their coming, we express a pride that we must feel because the blood of these sturdy pioneers flows through our own veins.

There were the Starkers, the Neighbours, the Hoaglands, the Tuffords, the Douglasses, the Craters, and others as worthy. I wish that to-night, facing their descendants, I could characterize them all with the eulogy they deserve.

On the last day of July, 1815, the emigrants reached a spot known as the "Old Ferry," and there their journey was at an end. The old Coshocton county bridge, touching land now owned by George Miskiman, Jr., occupied afterward the site of the Old Ferry.

On the site of the present residence of T. A. Banks, Esq., David Neighbour built a rude log cabin, in the fall of 1815,

(then the only kind of house possible) and this was the first house in the present corporation of Newcomerstown.

Soon after, Judge Neighbour, with the assistance of his brothers, built a log house near the present intersection of the State Road with the C. & M. railroad.

Just above the cabin of David, William the third brother built a shelter for his wife and little ones, and to-day (like a little grim old sentinel of the past), it stands, at the entrance to our new cemetery.

So far as I can find, this, and a few unlettered mounds in the old cemetery, are all the visible remains of the founders of this beautiful village."

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### The Writer's Grandmother.

An old heroine among all those worthy women was my grandmother, Elizabeth Neighbour, wife of David, the emigrant from New Jersey. Left at her husband's death with young children to care for, she, lone-handed, fought the battles of the pioneer, on her but partially developed farm, and reared her children to manly and womanly independence.

She lived to the ripe old age of 88, spending her last years in the homes of her devoted sons, Absalom and Morris, to whom had come the home farm.

Toward the last her memory failed. I remember being taken to visit her at my Uncle Absalom's, not long before her death, when I must have been about four years old. They said to her, "Grandma, this is little Bowman." "Is it?" she asked; "I'm glad to see Bowman. He was always a good little boy." But it was my father, and not myself, that was "always a good little boy," both in grandma's poor tired out old mind, and, I fear, in fact.

When a girl, she had known easier times than followed in her pioneer life in Ohio, and had been quite a belle. Upon this point it seems her memory did not fail, and long years after, looking in her glass, she would study the wrinkled old face she saw reflected there and sigh pathetically, "And they used to call me the handsomest girl in the valley!"

Grandmother was born in the year of the Declaration of Independence, a fact which her husband affectionately but teasingly alluded to sometimes by calling her "Old Seventy-Six."



**EDSON J. NEIGHBOUR**  
**GERMAN VALLEY, N. J.**





**Byron Roberts' Letter**

Topeka, Kansas, Feb. 13, 1903.

L. B. Neighbour, Esq.,

Dixon, Ill.

Dear Sir:—I enclose you copy of deed in my possession, given by my grandfather to yours. It is a quaint old document. The one from Godfrey Haga to Grandfather is on parchment, and much longer. I have one that goes back to the 1780's, besides some old bills-of-sale of negroes to grandfather.

I hope this deed, I send you a copy of, will be of interest to you.

Respectfully yours,

BYRON ROBERTS.

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**Deed to Grandfather's Farm.**

Following is an extract from the first of the deeds mentioned in the foregoing letter of Mr. Roberts. It passes title to a long narrow tract or strip of land two hundred acres in area, the central portion of which lies now in the heart of Newcomers-town. Incidentally also it gives some history of the tract of 4000 acres which was sold out among the colonists from New Jersey in 1815.

Extract from deed to the David Neighbour homestead, at the settlement of Neighbour Town (now Newcomerstown) Ohio:

THIS INDENTURE, Made the first day of December in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen, Between Nicholas Neighbour of the Township of Oxford, County of Tuscaways and State of Ohio, of the one part, and David Neighbour of the Township, County and State aforesaid, of the other part. Witnesseth, that the said Nicholas Neighbour for and in consideration of the sum of One thousand dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, unto him at or before the sealing and delivery hereof by said David Neighbour well and truly paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Hath granted, bargained and sold, enfeoffed, released and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant, bargain and sell, alien, enfeoff, release and confirm unto the said David Neigh

bour and to his heirs and assigns all that certain tract or piece of land situate, lying and being in the Township, County and State aforesaid within the second quarter of the Fifth Township in the Third Range of the Tract of land appropriated by the United States for satisfying Warrants for Military Services.

Beginning at a stake in the East and West line and corner to Lot number two and near a White Oak lettered L. N., thence east forty-four and a half perches to a stake in said line near a poplar lettered W. N., thence South Six Hundred and Ninety perches to the Middle of the River and corner to Lot number four, thence South fifty-two degrees West fifty-six perches to a corner in the River and corner to lot number two, thence North Seven Hundred and fifty perches to the place of beginning; containing Two Hundred Acres, it being a part of the same tract or piece of land which John Bever, of Bever County in the State of Pennsylvania and Nancy his wife by Indenture bearing date the fifth day of December in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Three, recorded by the Recorder of Washington County on the twenty-sixth day of January, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Four in Volume 8, Page 397, granted and conveyed unto Godfrey Haga of Philadelphia, in fee and is part of Certain Tract of Land estimated to contain Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine Acres and Eight-Tenths of an acre, which the United States by letters patent bearing date the Twentieth day of March in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred, granted unto the said John Bever in fee simple, and by the said John Bever conveyed to the said Godfrey Haga by Deed bearing date of the fifth day of December in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Three and by the said Godfrey Haga conveyed to the said Nicholas Neighbour by deed bearing date the ninth day of June in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen.

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### **Obituary of Nicholas Neighbour**

[From a Tuscarawas County Paper.]

Died -- At Newcomerstown, Tuscarawas Co., Ohio, on the 28th day of July (1848) the Honorable Nicholas Neighbour, aged 86 years, 1 month and 18 days. The deceased was born in

Morris Co., New Jersey, and served his country in the Revolutionary War. When its independence was achieved, he returned to private life, to enjoy the honest vocation of a farmer, and the privileges of civil and political liberty, which he had aided to establish. He was subsequently elected a member of the New Jersey legislature by the Whig party, and through life retained the political principles of his youth. He voted for Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Harrison and Clay. He emigrated with his family to this [Tuscarawas] county, about thirty-three years ago, in which, for fourteen years, he held the office of Associate Judge. After the location of the Ohio Canal, he laid out the present village of Newcomerstown, of which he was the original proprietor \* \* \* Sustained by an unimpeachable reputation, a mild temper and a religious morality arising from a membership of nearly seventy years in the Lutheran church, this venerable citizen descended to the grave, lamented by his numerous descendants and a large circle of friends.

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## Neighbour Town

[From the Cambridge, O., "Scrap Book."]

As reference has been made in OUR SCRAP BOOK to a place called "Neighbour Town," we give the following facts concerning its history.

Among the earliest settlers of Oxford township, in our bordering county of Tuscarawas, was Judge Nicholas Neighbour, who came from New Jersey in 1814, and bought 1900 acres of land. Returning home in the fall, he, the next spring, led out a company of sixty emigrants to his claim. Among these colonists were the families of his brothers, David and William, and other relatives. The Neighbours had clearings along a road south of the Pan Handler railway, and from their number and association the settlement was called Neighbour Town. Judge Neighbour was the first postmaster. When, however, a village was regularly laid out in the locality, it was given the name of Newcomerstown.

### The Duplication of Given Names

In early years, Newcomerstown was, as we know, largely made up of families of Neighbours. They were the good old-fashioned sort of families, too, containing from eight to a dozen, or even a baker's dozen of children. With commendable pride in the traditions of the kindred, the heads of these families quite generally named their offspring in honor of favorite relatives. As Mark Twain has it, they used their children as pegs to hang ancestral names on.

Jacob would appear to have been one of these favored names, and the writer remembers hearing his elders talk of "Squire Jake" or "Curly Jake," and "Slick Jake"—the last named having no unruly kinks in *his* hair.

A similar identity of given names arose in the case of the wives of four of the Neighbours. This problem was solved quite as satisfactorily, however, as that furnished by the Jacobs. The name was the sweet old one of Mary. As a distinction to begin with, two of the wives had in girlhood been nicknamed "Polly," as Marys often were, a half century ago. As an additional device, the names of the several husbands were now attached, and lo! these very satisfactory results:—"Polly Len," "Polly Bill," "Mary Bowman" and "Mary Harlow." Mary Bowman was my own mother. Mary Harlow, now (1906) the only survivor, lives near Neoga, Ill., passing her declining years in comfort along with the worthy husband who shared with her not only the surname, but, in earlier days, his given name as well.

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### Neighbour Characteristics

What is to be said of the family as a whole? What are some of its habits and peculiarities?

As to calling, it has not yet leaned largely to the professions, tho represented to some extent in all of them. It has rather kept near the soil, the work-shop, or the store; more frequently, however, as proprietor than as tenant or employee.

There is a steady-going quality about your typical Neigh-



**LAMBERT BOWMAN NEIGHBOUR**  
**DIXON, ILLINOIS.**



bour, that inclines him, as a rule, to spend his days in one locality. He is no rolling stone.

Without great wealth, and with a positive aversion to display, there has always been among the family a high level of comfortable living. The men, to use a phrase now nearly obsolete, have uniformly been "good providers," while their wives have as uniformly been "the best women in the world." As a child, I often heard the saying: There was never a Neighbour but had a good wife. I was older before I understood the very close relationship between the two facts of a good provider at the head of a family, and a happy, contented and helpful wife within it. With Burns, it has been the belief of our men that

To make a fireside clime  
For weans and wife --  
That's the true pathos and sublime  
Of human life.

As for the housewives, as I remember their gentle and generous rivalry, it was mainly as to which could cook the best meal; and on the Sabbath, when I was a boy, it was a custom for the more closely related to take Sunday dinners in the different homes, "turn about," after the Sunday school and sermon, this week at one house, next week at another.

Were there none but such husbands and such wives, the divorce evil, now so portentous in this country, would be giving the thoughtful less concern. The Neighbours have not ground grist at that mill.

Some of our names are not rated in the books of Dun and Bradstreet, but no one of the name is anywhere "blacklisted" as poor pay. And not only has the man of our family ever had a high sense of honor in business matters and in his relations to others generally; but above everything else he places value upon good name. The word of a Neighbour is not impeached in courts of law, nor does any man charge him with dishonesty or dishonorable acts. He could not stand any reflection upon his integrity, or stain on his family's name.

A year or two ago, at a political convention in Springfield, Ill., I was introduced to a gentleman as a Neighbour, cousin to

"Doc" Neighbour, of Neoga, Ill., who was then living. "Well, that name is a mighty good one in our part of the state," was the instantaneous reply.

Men of the name have so uniformly been "good neighbors" that it seems not improbable the surname may have been given on account of the neighborly qualities of our ancestor who received it. Our people have been independent and self-respecting. They have never, so far as I have learned, numbered among them a saloon-keeper or a drunkard. They have been good citizens, obedient to the laws. They have been patriotic; and, as many a battlefield of the Republic has testified, ready to lay down life for their country at her need.

If this intended character sketch of the family has grown into something suggestive of a eulogy, I must offer as excuse that it does not expect to find many readers outside the Neighbour family. But anyhow it is true and just, and due the memory of the staunch and sturdy men and women, our forbears, who gave such value to the name.

There is a moral to all this: This same good name, which we have inherited, imposes on us a responsibility, that of keeping it respected and unstained. It is with us all as it was with me when a boy. My father had died, it so happened, the day before I was one year old, too early of course for me to retain any recollection of him. The current of events then took me from Newcomerstown for some years, and when back again, I remember, it was more than once asked of me, or in my presence, which Neighbour family I belonged to. The answer would likely be, "This is Bowman's youngest child, and named after him." Then with a gentleness of tone and manner that sometimes would make my eyes fill would come the words, "Well, Bowmie, you grow up to be as good a man as your father was, and you will come out all right."

If we, all of us, are as good men as our fathers have been, we'll be doing pretty well.



## **Aunt Katie Roberts**

### **Centennial Birthday Celebration of Mrs. Katherine Roberts**

[From the Topeka, Kansas, Daily Capital, Sept. 30, 1894.]

Probably the rarest social event Topeka has ever witnessed will be the centennial birthday celebration to-day of Mrs. Katherine Roberts. It is eminently fitting on this occasion, as will be the case, that four living generations should be present; and Mrs. Roberts will preside at the table in the home of her son, Mr. Byron Roberts, on West 10th St. Seated about her will be about fifty of her descendants. She will wear the same dress she wore in 1812, one which we might expect to be somewhat out of style, but which on close examination is seen to be very near the style of the present. It is a blue and white organdie, made with a very short waist, leg-of-mutton sleeves, and three little ruffles at the bottom of the skirt.

Mrs. Roberts was born Sept. 30, 1794, in New Jersey. Her father, Nicholas Neighbour, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and at the time of his death he was 86 years old. In 1812 he moved to Ohio, where Mrs. Roberts was married to Lewis Roberts. Her brother and sister, Sharp Neighbour and Mrs. Celina Powelson, of Ohio, aged respectively 82 and 81 years, are present.

Mrs. Roberts has two children, Byron Roberts, of this city, who is receiver of the Hutchison & Southern Ry., and R. R. Roberts, of Elk Falls. Today, Mrs. Roberts will receive calls from her acquaintances in the city, and will entertain her descendants at dinner with reminiscences of early days. She is well informed on all the political and social questions since the War of Independence, and her mind is wonderfully bright and active. She has had comparatively little sickness in her long life, and is able to move about with remarkable ease, without assistance.

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## **Reunion of the 52nd O. V. I.**

[From an Issue of the Newcomerstown Index]

Last Wednesday our village put on its holiday attire to welcome the surviving members of the old 52nd, who could

meet their comrades here. The opera house was beautifully and appropriately decorated with flowers, plants and flags. The two battle flags of the regiment, around which the boys had rallied on many a hard fought battlefield, had been brought from Columbus, and were the center of attraction for the boys, who looked upon and handled those tattered and bullet-riddled old emblems with an affection and reverence worthy the men who had suffered so much for their country.

A unique feature was introduced by Comrades T. D. Neighbour and J. Peck, who arranged a picture gallery around the front of the stage, where pictures of their absent comrades were placed. Those of the dead were draped in mourning. Captain Neighbour's sword and belt, and the coat through which the fatal ball had entered—stained with his blood—were also there.

Colonel Clancy got very near to his large audience in some reminiscences he gave. One incident he related has a strong personal interest to our people here. It was at the charge of Kenesaw Mountain. The regiments of the brigade were formed in lines, the 52d forming the fifth and rear line. They charged the rebel works under a terrible fire. One line after another melted away until, when they got to the rebel works, the 52d formed the front line. They dropped back 23 feet from the rebel works and hastily threw up a slight line of protection from the murderous fire of double-shotted guns.

Colonel Clancy had fallen flat down, having been struck in five places by missiles, in the hand-to-hand encounter at the works. The fallen leaves covered the ground to the depth of several inches. He managed to work himself back a few feet until he got a tree between himself and the rebel fire. While he was crawling through the leaves he ran his arm through a sword belt. When he reached the line which the 52d had thrown up, the boys reached over and hoisted him to their side. On examination, the belt and sword were recognized as Captain Neighbour's, which were thus saved to be returned to his family and were among the relics at the reunion.

Col. Clancy said that he never had stranger feelings than when, after the war, he called on Captain Neighbour's wife, and saw the sword and belt he had himself rescued.



**W. H. C. NEIGHBOUR**  
**DENVER, COLO.**



### S. M. Neighbour Post G. A. R.

The following extracts are from Newcomerstown papers:

"The event of the season [1884] among the ex-soldiers and sailors of Newcomerstown and vicinity was the mustering of a G. A. R. post on Tuesday evening, Sept. 23. Senior Vice Dept Commander R. B. Brown, of Zanesville, was the mustering officer. The post is known as 'S. M. Neighbour Post No. 494,' and was mustered with 37 members.

"The Post was named after Salathiel M. Neighbour, who in August, 1862, enlisted 43 men at this place, these being joined with other enlistments that were made in the county, and a company organized at New Philadelphia, of which he was made 2d lieutenant. The company was assigned to the 52d, and was Co. D Infantry. He was promoted to Captain, and by his manly bearing and fair dealing with his men, won the confidence and high esteem both of his men and of his fellow officers. His unswerving loyalty to the cause of his country, and his devotion to duty kept him always at the front, where he shared bravely and honestly all the privations incident to the life of a soldier. Leading his company, he fell mortally wounded at the desperate charge of Kenesaw Mountain, June 27, 1864, from which he died at Chattanooga, Tennessee, Aug. 8, 1864, leaving a wife who has since been laid to rest. No children survive to do honor to him who honored his flag; and so, to perpetuate his memory as an example for posterity, his comrades have named the order S. M. Neighbour Post."

From a later paper:

"At a recent meeting of S. M. Neighbour Post G. A. R., Lieut. David Neighbour presented to the order a very handsome enlarged picture of his brother, Salathiel, Capt. of Co. D, 52d Regt., who received a death wound at Kenesaw Mountain, dying soon afterward. In honor of this brave soldier the order was named S. M. Neighbour Post. Lieut. Neighbour took it as a happy opportunity, when the post first occupied their handsome new room, to present the picture of his brother, which now adorns the room. The lieutenant's eloquent presentation of the gift was feelingly responded to, and a resolution of thanks was passed.

### Members of the Family Who Served in the Civil War

The writer cannot claim or hope that the following list is complete; he hopes that in the data given, however, it is substantially correct. The names of Andrew and Jacob, brothers, sons of Jacob Weise Neighbour, of Princeton, Ill., appearing in the following list, do not appear in the genealogical portion of the book, the writer not yet having learned of them when *that* went to press:

Martin S. Neighbour, N. C. town, 24th O. V. I.

Jacob Neighbour, N. C. town, 51st O. V. I.

Jacob W. Neighbour, N. C. town, 51st O. V. I.

Richard Neighbour, N. C. town, 51st O. V. I., since dead.

Theodore D. Neighbour, N. C. town, 52d O. V. I.

Capt. S. M. Neighbour, N. C. town, 52d O. V. I., fell at Kenesaw.

Lieut. David Neighbour, N. C. town, 52d O. V. I., since deceased.

Geo. W. Neighbour, N. C. town, 52d O. V. I.

Harrison Neighbour, N. C. town, 129th O. V. I., since deceased.

Lieut. Jay W. Neighbour, Geneva, N. Y., 148th N. Y. V. I., since deceased.

Rhenius W. Neighbour, Iowa regiment, died in camp at Keokuk.

Alonzo W. Neighbour, killed at battle of Pittsburg Landing.

Morris Neighbour (son of Jesse), 25th Ill., fell at Pea Ridge.

Elihu G. Neighbour, 10th Pa. Reserve Infantry.

Andrew Neighbour, Princeton, Ill., 93d Illinois, fatally wounded at Champion Hills, near Memphis.

Jacob Neighbour, Princeton, Ill., 9th Mo., and later, 112th Ill.; killed at Lovejoy's Station, near Atlanta.

Frank W. Neighbour (son of Sharp) Lieut. in Navy.

Wm. Miles Lee, N. C. town, 51st O. V. I.

Lambert B. Gardner (son of "Aunt Treeny") Iowa regt.; fell in battle.

John Bowman (son of Leonard Neighbour Bowman), N. J. regt.; fell in battle.

Major Lambert Bowman (son of L. N. B.), N. J. Vol. Inf.; fell at battle of Cedar Creek, Va.

*Silbert B. Neighbour, Snelling, Cal.  
Served in the Calif. regt.*

*pt. John W. Sargent, Oak Park, Chi. Served 4 yrs. as Officer  
in 52d O.V.I. - Was on staff of Bull's Hornade.  
Mrs. Whittend Sargent. Served 4 yrs. in 57d O.V.I.*

## Jay W. Neighbour and the "Home Mail."

[From an Obituary Tribute by Anson Titus.]

The death of Mr. Neighbour awakens many a memory. It is rare that an adopted citizen takes up the social life of a community and enters so heartily into its better ways as did he and his family at Phelps. Mr. Neighbour did not come here until after the war, but from the first observance of the day here, he was deeply interested in Decoration Day. Owing to ill health he was not always able to do all that will and heart prompted, but a sympathetic pen was ever ready in honoring the memory of the boys in blue. Not only so, he forwarded every movement designed to alleviate the wants and sufferings of living soldiers.

The service Mr. Neighbour rendered the old soldiers of Ontario and adjoining counties is great. In 1874 he began the publication of his HOME MAIL, a G. A. R. paper which ever kept their interests in view, and which had a wide circulation in the state [N. Y.] It was instrumental in securing many a worthy pensioner his dues, and in informing veterans concerning pension laws, and the whereabouts of comrades, so that they could be of mutual assistance. While residing near Boston, we secured a file of the HOME MAIL for the Massachusetts Historical Society. The librarian had learned that it contained valuable information, and desired a full set.

Jay W. Neighbour may have erred occasionally, but the aim of his life was justice and right.

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## A Visit to German Valley.

In the summer of 1896, the writer paid a brief visit to the early seat of the family and the present home of many of them, at German Valley, N. J. It was more than 80 years back to that summer day in 1815 when the pioneers had set forth by wagon-train, on the long and tedious drive to the new home in the wilderness of Ohio, where they were to establish the "Western Branch" of the family. There had been a few visits back and forth—very few, indeed—and these had ceased, with the passing away of the generation that separated. It is doubtful if one of the Ohio Neighbours had been back to German Valley before

in half a century, and yet, though my visit was for only a day, I could feel at once that I was among kinsmen and friends. There was little time to accept the proffered hospitality, yet I can never forget the cordial character of that shown me, at the homes in which I had the time to call — those of Edson J., at German Valley; of his father, Leonard D., in the Lower Valley; of Calvin, at the "Old Homestead"; and of James H. Neighbour, in the nearby town of Dover.

I also had the pleasure of a call upon the Rev. Theo. F. Chambers, of German Valley, to whose fine work, "The Early Germans of New Jersey," I am indebted for no little of the information herein given, regarding the New Jersey members of our family.

Not only did I enjoy my visit with the living; of the very deepest interest to me were the burial places, monuments, and other memorials of our early dead. Here at German Valley, in the long unused cemetery of early days, stands yet the "Old Stone Church," erected by our ancestors in days before the Revolution. Of solid and upright walls, but sunken of roof, with doors gone, the old negro gallery fallen in, and brush and briars growing in the old fire-hole at the middle of the floor — forerunner of furnace, and even of stove — it speaks of days long gone by.

Here it is that one finds the graves of the Immigrant Leonard and his wife Margareta, well kept, and marked with neat and durable head-stones. Here too are the monuments of the second and third generation, somewhat more ambitious in size, and, after the fashion of their day, marked with the texts of their funeral sermons. It may be profitable to have it recalled in this way that we are come of a Godly stock. In the more modern cemetery, in the lower Valley, rest the remains of Leonard III and of good old "Uncle David," and many others of our name.

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### The Spelling of the Name

THE SPELLING OF THE NAME—As brought to this country the name had the German form of Nachbar. The second generation Americanized it into Neighbour. A map of German Valley, made to accord with the titles of early days, shows the result of the rather unsuccessful struggle of some one's German-





**JOHN EDMUND NEIGHBOUR**  
**NESS CITY. KANSAS**



trained tongue with the English pronunciation, by recording the name as Naper. About the middle of the last century, many of the family—in Ohio, at least—dropped the (u) from the last syllable. Matthias Sharpe Neighbour, of New Philadelphia, even went so far as to shorten it all to Nabor. He evidently felt about the matter as the “Naber” (no relation of ours, however) who jokingly wrote me that I must be a man of leisure, or I wouldn’t be willing to spend so much of my life in spelling my name.

But the name as my father and those before him spelled it pleases me best. I find, too, that this is the preferred form back in the old home region of New Jersey. It is the time-honored form of a name of which we may rightly be proud. I have used it uniformly throughout this work. I wish we might all agree upon it, and since the family in America dates from Colonial days, hand down the spelling which was at that time given the name.

### Other Families of the Name

There are not a few of our name, or of the name “Neighbours,” in this country, to whom I can not find that we are related. There is a Neighbor family in Pennsylvania and Maryland that may be distantly related to us. One William Nachbar (1799-1871) is mentioned in Chambers’ “Early Germans,” but that writer finds no other trace of him than the years of his birth and death.

I find a number who spell their name Naber or Nabers. These nearly all seem to be of comparatively recent German origin. G. M. Naber, of Columbia City, Ind., formerly County Superintendent of Schools, is of a family that emigrated in the last generation from Wurtemberg, Germany. Theodore Nabers, of Ft. Madison, Ia., is of a family emigrating to this country from Prussia, in 1843.

The Rev. R. E. Neighbour, Baptist clergyman and evangelist, of Mt. Vernon, O., is of a family from the village of Chinnor, Oxfordshire, England. He has a brother, William W., at Denison, Texas, and another, Horatio, at Parsons, Kansas. He informs me that there are people of the name living in London,

England. It is a matter of history, however, that many Protestant German families sought refuge and a home in England, particularly at London, early in the same century that Leonard Neighbour came to America. It is at least possible then that the English and the American family were of the same source and stock.

Throughout the South are a widespread family who attach s to the name, making it Neighbours, Neighbors, or Nabors. The best information I can get assigns this family a French-Huguenot origin, and an early arrival in America. William Bennett Neighbors, born in Tallapoosa county, Ala., and now of Seattle, Wash., says the family came to South Carolina in 1670. There were three brothers of them and they became business men of Charleston. The family tradition states that these brothers were named William, James and Benjamin. The record is not continuous, but three later brothers of this stock moved in 1761 to the Newberry District, S. C., and were all in the Revolutionary War. From one of these, William by name, my informant is descended. The grandfather of W. B. moved from South Carolina to Georgia, and thence to Alabama.

Professor H. S. Halbert, of Mississippi, but at this writing in the city of Montgomery, Alabama, is an interesting informant, who tells me that his mother was a Neighbours, of Virginia stock. Of the same family is Attorney F. D. Nabors, of Birmingham, Alabama. These people, also, claim a French-Huguenot origin, and differ only in the tradition that the given names of the original immigrants were Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (and they don't think they are Israelites either!)

Dr. Clarence A. Neighbors, of Kansas City, is also of Southern ancestry. His father, C. J., and his grandfather, Henry, who now live at McPherson, Kansas, but who were born and reared in Roanoke County, Virginia, trace their line back to one James Neighbours, born about 1759, and whom they have always supposed to have been of English origin. In the next generation were the Doctor's great-grandfather, Henry, born 1785, and Fleming Neighbours, his brother, (1789-1866). The sons of these two brothers numbered ten in all, so that the descendants of the name are doubtless quite numerous by this time. Of this blood, doubtless, is H. Fletcher Neighbours, private secretary to Secretary of State Root. This Mr. Neighbours is from Virginia, where his people have lived for

generations.

Those who spell it with an *s* would seem, in many cases, to have fought as bravely under the Stars and Bars as did so many a Neighbour under Old Glory. It seems to be good fighting blood in either case.

History also tells of a Major Neighbors, a most worthy man and soldier, who was in the service of his country in the South in years before the war. As the *s* is found with his name, he too was doubtless of Southern ancestry.

Summing it all up, to me it seems at least not improbable that "Neighbour" or "Neighbours"—go far enough back—is one and the same stock—a Protestant family originating in the Rhine country, and mingling the blood of Germany and France—and not unlikely that of Holland also; this, notwithstanding the three apparent points of settlement in America and three reported nationalities:—in New Jersey, the German; in Virginia, the English; and in South Carolina, the French Huguenot.

The name is really an uncommon one, and by its nature, not such as would be likely to originate in many different places. To illustrate, it does not, like Smith, arise from an occupation everywhere found; nor is it, like Johnson, a patronymic, derived from a widely used Christian name. When, in the days of taking surnames, such a word as *neighbour* became one, it would naturally not be by the selection of the man who bore it (as was the case with many surnames), but rather, by the common usage of the community, in recognition of the genial and neighborly qualities that made the name appropriate.

And a further fact looking toward the possible identity of the names and in some degree toward that of the several families, is that the will of the Leonard with whom we start this genealogy—drawn Jan. 10, 1765—calls the name "Nochbers." It is from the inscription on the tombstone, that we obtain the form Nachbar, which the next generation changed to Neighbour. It seems as likely as not, then, that the original form of our name had the *s*, which, in the Southern families, is retained to this day.

### **Another Origin for the Family**

Despite our reputed German origin, it is very possible that the family is Holland-Dutch. If this is not the case, it is at least likely that our forefathers sojourned in Holland a number of years before coming to America.

James H. Neighbour remembers clearly that his grandfather (Leonard III) told him that the first generation regarded themselves as Hollanders.

Also, the writer remembers hearing his Uncle Morris Neighbour say that the family was from Holland, as he had often been told so by his mother. She was the widow of the David Neighbour who helped settle Newcomerstown, and who like Leonard III, was only in the 3d generation.









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